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Dublin, February 15. 1641.

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FROM

IRELAND:

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A LETTER SENT FROM Mr. William Philips, Merchant, dwelling in Dublin, to Mr. William Baber, a worthy friend of his, and one of the Gentlemen of the *Inner-Temple*.

CERTIFYING

How one of the Rebels flying from his Confederates into Dublin, related to Sir *Charles Coot* their damnable Designes, who making it known to Sir *Simon Harcott*, and the rest of the Justices, they suddenly issued forth, and beating them out of their Works, slew 800 of them, with small losse.

A Relation that is reall, and not Coin'd according to invention meerly for Press-profit; but to satisfie many whom it may concern, who cannot be resolv'd by one mans private Letter.

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NOBLE FRIEND:

Having ſuch a convenient Opportunity by the Bearer hereof, my loving and ſpeciall Friend : I could not but let you underſtand ſomething of the preſent condition we now ſtand in ; which at this time is very miſerable and pittifull, and as far

as I conceive is like to be worſe, if the Parliament of England ſend not over ſpeedy Aid. For the number of the Rebels encreaſe daily, and are intrenched within our view in a great multitude; beſides the Papiſts in the City do much afflict Us; for they daily plot and contrive which way to bring us and this City to confuſion. Whoſe wicked and malicious deſigns, by Gods ſpeciall favour and providence over us, have been continually defeated, and brought to nought.

Upon Saturday, the Twelfth of February, about 11. of the clock at night, came an Iriſh-man, one of the Rebels: but by craft fled away from his Companions; who knocked at the Gate, deſiring of the Watch that hee might ſpeak with Sir Charles Coot, Governor of our City: Saying, he had ſomewhat to tell him, which did concern the welfare of the City and Kingdome: which Sir Charles hearing of, commanded

manded that they ſhould ſtrictly ſearch whether he had any company with him, or any at hand: if not, to bring him unto him, which was performed accordingly, and the man brought unto his Bed-chamber, chained with Fetters of Iron: who related how with much difficulty he fled from the Rebels, his Conſcience not ſuffering him to conceal ſuch a Bloody Deſign which they had intended on the morrow againſt the City: and to that purpoſe had gathered 30000. men, that when that they were all at Church, they might ſurprize the City. Whereupon Sir Charles aroſe from his bed, ſending to Sir Simon Harcott this ſudden News; who with all ſpeed came unto him, and they went to the Lords Juſtices together, to relate the Newes.

Wherupon Command was given for every man to ſtand to his Armes, and the whole City to bee raiſed for their Defence.

About two and three of the clock in the morning, they marched from the City, being in number about ſixe thouſand, with four Troops of horſe, and two Field-pieces. About ſix of the clock in the morning, they approached near the Rebels Camp, and found them unprovided for ſuch a ſtrong deſign: only their number much increaſed, and their Camp ſtrongly fortified, which did not a whit diſcourage our Men; For they were extream willing to give the On-ſet, and to fall upon them: ſeeing they were altogether ſo unprepared; which they did, and by the Diſcharge of our Field-pieces, the Rebels began to forſake their quarters: which our men ſeeing, with all earneſtneſſe purſued them. Some ſtayed behind to take their Armes, and ſuch Carriage as they had.

The number of Arms was five thouſand: and about nine and ten of the clock, being Sunday in the morning,

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our Men retreated, with a Report of the slaughter of Eight hundred Men, on the Rebels part, and ours Fourscore.

Our Intelligencer we kept fast, but we rewarded him well for his paines: which will perhaps be an encouragement for others hereafter, to do us the like faithfull service.

Wee are much obliged to the Parliament of England; and also to the Pious and Religious City of London: Of whose Bounty and Liberality, wee have, and do still pertake of in a large measure: The Lord of Heaven reward them three-fold into their Bosomes.

Our Gallowsies are well adorned with Priests, Jesuits, and Fryers, the Complotters and Broachers of all our present Calamities; At which Newes, the Rebels swell with indignation, and vowes Revenge.

Wee have nine Barkes laded with Corn, and other Provision for Drohedagh:

dagh ; which poor City holds out valiantly, and thirsts for Relief. Which I hope by this time, have obtained their desires, and are relieved : but I cannot certainly assure you thereof.

Thus am I prevented by the urgencie of the Bearer, to bid you farewell ; desiring to bee remembred to all my Friends : and especially your self.

Your assured Friend,

From Dublin, *this*

15. *of February* William Philips.

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